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M I D W I F E R Y:

Wherein will be contained

The History of the ART, with all its Improvements both ancient and modern;

A S A L S O,

The Theory and Practice of MIDWIFERY explained, more particularly, the MANUAL PART of MIDWIFERY, or the Manner of delivering Women, in all the Variety of *natural*, *difficult* and *preternatural* Labours, demonstrated upon Machines made in Imitation of Women and Children.

Lastly, The Manner of treating new-born Children, with an Account of the several Diseases they are subject to for the first Year, and their Cure.

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CONDITIONS

EACH Student is to pay two Guineas for each Course at the first Lecture.

For the Relief of the poor Women, the Expence of the real Labours is as follows.

Each Gentleman is to pay five Shillings for being present at each Labour, and half a Guinea when he delivers.

A private Course to a single Gentleman is five Guineas.

Women are instructed by themselves, they have the Privilege of attending the Labours, paying two Shillings for each Labour, till sufficiently qualified for Practice.

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Contained in this COURSE.

L E C T U R E I.

THE HISTORY OF MIDWIFERY, with the several Improvements it has received from the different Countries at different Times, more particularly from the ancient *Greeks* and *Arabians*, from the *French*, *English* and *Dutch*, with an Account of the several Authors who have wrote in these several Countries, and the particular Improvement which each Author has made.

L E C T U R E II.

A Description of the *Pelvis*, so far as regards the Practice of Midwifery.

Of the several Bones it is composed of, with their Connections.

The Shape of a well formed Bason, with its particular Dimensions, both as to its Depth and Wideness.

The Inconveniencies that attend a too wide Bason, both during the Pregnancy, and in the Time of Labour.

The Inconveniencies of a too narrow or flat Bason, with the Difference betwixt a male and female Skeleton.

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LECTURE III.

A View of the Parts of Generation in Women, both on natural detached Pieces, and artificial Wax ones.

Of the external Parts. Of the internal Parts, such as the *Vagina*, the *Matrix*, *Ovaria*, *Fallopian Tubes* and *Ligaments*. Their Connexions.

Some Remarks upon the Parts of Generation useful in Midwifery.

LECTURE IV.

Of the *Placenta Membranes* and *Umbilical Cord*. The different Opinions about the Origin of the *Placenta*.

Of the *Fœtus*. The most remarkable Differences betwixt the Structure of the *Fœtus* and that of an Adult. The Manner in which the Circulation is carried on betwixt the Mother and Child. Some few Remarks upon the Nutrition of the *Fœtus*, and its Situation in the *Uterus* considered.

LECTURE V.

Of the MENSES. The Time that this Flux generally commences, and the Time of its Duration. The several Opinions about the Cause of the Menses examined. The common Symptoms which arise from an Obstruction of the Menses, with a short View of the Cure.

The several Systems of Generation.

LECTURE VI.

The Signs of Conception. The Manner in which the Embryo is attached to the *Uterus*. The Opinions of *Aristotle*, *Galen*, *Hippocrates*, *Harvey* and others, about the Manner
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in which the *Fetus* increases in the *Uterus*. The Proportion of its Growth in the different Times of Pregnancy. The gradual stretching of the *Fundus uteri*, *Neck*, and *Os internum*, at the different Times of Gestation. The Opinions of different Authors concerning the Thickness of the Womb in the Time of Pregnancy.

LECTURE VII.

The Usefulness of the Touch during Pregnancy, and the several Things that may be learned from it, particularly the four following,

1st, Whether the Woman be pregnant or not, and how far she is advanced in her Pregnancy.

2^{dly}, If the Pains which the Woman is seized with be true or false.

3^{dly}, The different Ways that the Child presents, and whether the Labour will be easy or not.

4^{thly}, Some of the Diseases which the *Uterus* and *Vagina* are subject to.

The different Shape and Changes of the internal Orifice at the different Times of Pregnancy, illustrated upon artificial Orifices.

The necessary Qualifications of a Man-Midwife.

LECTURE VIII.

Of the several Diseases which Women are subject to during the different Times of their Pregnancy, and *first* of vomiting, *Nausea* and Longings; Flux of the *Menses*, Costiveness, Suppression of Urine, varicose Veins, Swellings of the Legs and Parts, Pain of the Back, Loins and Groin, Pain and Swelling of the Breasts, Ruptures of the Groin, Navel and *Pelvis*.

The proper Regimen of pregnant Women, with respect to
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their Diet, Exercise, Lacing, and as to the Necessity and Time of Bleeding.

LECTURE IX.

Of FLOODINGS which happen to pregnant Women, their Causes, and Method of Prevention.

The Effects of the Imagination in pregnant Women considered.

LECTURE X.

Of MOLES, or FALSE CONCEPTIONS, their different Sorts, wherein they differ from a real Conception.

Of POLYPUSES in the *Uterus* and *Vagina*, and the Methods of removing them.

LECTURE XI.

The MANUAL PART of MIDWIFERY. Three Sorts of Births. Signs of real Labour. How to distinguish betwixt true and false Pains. The different Ways of delivering Women in different Countries. The necessary Preparations for the Mother and Child while in Labour. How to know whether the Child presents naturally or preternaturally, before the Rupture of the Membranes. How to break the Membranes when it is necessary. The Inconveniencies of breaking them too soon. The necessary Assistance in a natural Labour, when nothing extraordinary happens. The necessary Assistance when the Labour is natural, but attended with Pains of the Back, Suppression of Urine, Cramps and vomiting, in the Time of Labour. Of the Use of Bleeding and Clysters in the Time of Labour.

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LECTURE XII.

The different Methods of extracting the *PLACENTA*, with the necessary Precautions before you begin. *Daventer's* Method of extracting the *Placenta* considered. The Danger of doing it when there is more than one Child, before they are both born. The Method of tying and separating the umbilical Cord.

LECTURE XIII.

Of LABORIOUS BIRTHS, their Causes. What is to be done when the Head of the Child presents, and is forced down into the Middle or lower Part of the *Pelvis*, and is not likely to be delivered by the natural Pains, and the Woman and Child are in Danger from the Tedioufness of the Labour; also where the Head presents wrong, or the *Pelvis* is too narrow.

The Use of Fillets, their different Sorts.

The Method of delivering with the *Forceps*, and in what Cases they are absolutely necessary.

The Method of delivering with the *Forceps*, when the Head presents right, and the Child in a natural Posture. Some general Rules about the Use of the *Forceps*.

LECTURE XIV.

The Method of delivering with the *Forceps*, where the Head of the Child presents wrong, and cannot be delivered with the natural Pains. When the Head presents, and the Child in a supine Posture, with the Face to the *Os Pubis*, or Belly of the Mother. Also when the Face of the Child presents, with the Chin to the *Os Pubis*, or *Os Coccygis*.

LECTURE XV.

Of PRETERNATURAL LABOURS, where the Child presents the inferior Extremities, such as when one or both Feet present. The different Methods of *Mauriceau*, *La Motte* and *Daventer*, when the Foot presents.

The Method of turning the Child when the Foot presents, and the Face of the Child towards the *Os Pubis* of the Mother. The Method of delivering when the Buttocks present; the different Ways they may present, and the Manner of distinguishing this Part from any other.

LECTURE XVI.

Of PRETERNATURAL LABOURS, where some of the superior Parts of the Child present, and where we must have Recourse to turning the Child, and bringing it away by the Feet.

Some useful Rules about Turning, in all the different Positions of the Child.

The Method of delivering when the Arm or Shoulder presents; the different Ways they may present, and the Opinions of Authors about the Necessity or not of the Reduction of the Arm into the *Uterus*.

LECTURE XVII.

Of PRETERNATURAL LABOURS, where the Child lies a-cross the *Uterus*, and presents the Belly, Back or Side.

The Method of delivering when the umbilical Cord presents; the different Parts it may present with; when it presents with the Head, the Danger is always the greatest. The Method of delivering when the umbilical Cord is twisted about the Neck, or any other Part of the Body.

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LECTURE XVIII.

The Method of delivering when there are two or more Children, or when there is a pendulous Belly, and the *Uterus* hanging over the *Os Pubis*.

LECTURE XIX.

The Method of delivering when the Head is stopt in the Brim of the *Pelvis*, its Causes.

The Signs of the Child's being dead. The several Methods of lessening the Head, viz. with the *Scissors*, *Knife*, *ring'd Scalpel*, or the *Terebra occulta*.

The Use of the Crotchet. Several unhappy Cases from the unskillful Use of the Crotchet.

The Method of delivering with *Mauriceau's Tire-Tête*, and *La Motte's Forceps*.

LECTURE XX.

The Method of assisting when the Body is born and the Head sticking in the Passage. The Use of *Gregoir's Tire-Tête*. How to deliver the Head when separated from the Body, and left in the *Uterus*. The several Things that have been invented for this Purpose, particularly *Amand's Net*, *Levret's Tire-Tête*, and the *Crotchet*. The Method of performing the *Cesarean* Operation, with an Account of the Number of Times that it has been performed, and its Success.

LECTURE XXI.

The MANNER OF TREATING WOMEN AFTER DELIVERY. The necessary *Apparatus* for the Mother, and the Method of dressing her. The proper Regimen during the first eight Days.

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Of grinding Pains, their Cause and Cure. Of the *Lochia*, the Effects of too great or too small Discharge of the *Lochia*. Of a Weed, its Causes and Cure. Of the Milk Fever, and Swellings and Pain of the Breasts. The proper Applications to the external Parts after laborious Births; especially if there is Inflammation, Swelling, or Laceration.

The Use of the *Pessary*, the several Sorts, with their Inconveniencies.

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LECTURE XXII.

THE MANNER OF TREATING NEW-BORN CHILDREN. How to wash and clean them. Some Remarks upon their Cloathing. The proper Qualifications of a good Nurse, and how to distinguish good from bad Milk. The proper Regimen for the Nurse and Child. The Time and Manner of weaning Children. OF THE SEVERAL DISEASES INCIDENT TO NEW-BORN CHILDREN, such as, Bruises, imperforated *Anus*. Of the Gum, Vomitings, *Diarrhæa*. *Apthæ*, Bloodings at the Eyes, Excoriations about the Thighs, Groins or Buttocks, Runnings behind the Ears, Ruptures of the Groin or Navel. Of DENTITION, when it generally happens; the violent Symptoms that it sometimes occasions, and some Remarks upon the Lancing of the Gums, with some of the chief Objections answered.

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THE MANNER OF TREATING WOMEN AFTER DELIVERY. The necessary Regimen for the Mother, and the Method of dressing her. The proper Regimen during the first eight Days.